

Flames in Dayton 100 Feet High in Blizzard To-Day

sided to a considerable degree. Because of the scarcity of provisions, the Governor has decided to place the city under martial law. Pneumonia, whooping cough and measles prevail among the refugees, and typhoid is a menace the physicians dread.

Terre Haute, Ind., is without light, drinking water or street car service. This condition prevails in nearly all the cities and towns in the flood zone.

Snow added to the terrors of the elements to-day. Hundreds of refugees are being taken out of the Hickory street school. The weather is bitter cold, adding to the suffering of those who have been trapped in the top of their homes since the levees broke. Fire is sweeping almost the entire downtown district of the city. The flames are leaping hundreds of feet into the air.

It is believed that many lives were lost in the fire, but the waters covering the flooded business district are still too deep to allow investigators to approach. Parts of the flooded section were explored last night by men in canoes.

DYNAMITE TO CHECK FLAMES.

The Acting Mayor of Dayton has announced that he will order buildings in the path of the flames blown up with dynamite. The water is slowly receding and there should be some relief afforded to-day to 42,000 persons marooned in the flood.

Relief trains are approaching the stricken city and life-saving corps from Louisville, Ky., and Toledo, O., are on the way equipped with lifeboats that will live in the rushing torrents that sweep through the streets of the city.

Seven bodies have been recovered in Xenosville, O., and several hundred persons are missing. Probably one hundred are dead. Six bodies have been recovered in Akron, O., but many are missing. Piqua, in the valley above Dayton, is entirely cut off from the rest of the world. It is reported that only the roofs of the houses in the lower part of the city are showing, but Piqua had warning and it is hoped the loss of life there will not reach the 200 mark.

A snowstorm of blizzard proportions is covering the flooded district to-day and the temperature is down to freezing. Although there is plenty of relief at hand and offers of help are pouring in from all sides it is impossible to reach the places where help is needed most because of the almost complete paralysis inflicted by the floods on the railroads and interurban trolley lines. Indiana and Ohio are literally networked with these trolley systems, but none of them is operating except a line out of Cincinnati and a few cars out of Indianapolis.

Cities along the Ohio River are preparing for one of the greatest floods in history. Cincinnati is already feeling the effects of the advance of the flood in the submergence of the lower parts of the city. Wheeling, W. Va., is industrially paralyzed by the flood.

Operators in Dayton telephone stations who have stood sleepless at their posts, steadfastly confident of rescue, saw the fire bringing their doom to-day and one calmly telephoned to Columbus and Cincinnati: "Good-by. This is about the last you will hear from me."

I am going to try to swim out."

At Franklin, O., conditions similar to Dayton's prevail. The place is flooded. There are many dead and fires are raging.

At Lawrenceburg, O., the town was saved by dynamiting the Baltimore & Ohio bridge, releasing the Greater Miami's pent-up waters.

Floods are killing people and destroying much property in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. At Sharon, Pa., twenty are dead and property valued at \$2,000,000 has been wiped out. The State constabulary is in control.

Portions of Pittsburgh are under water, several thousands have been driven from their homes and lights have failed in many sections of the city. One hundred thousand men are idle through suspension of industry.

Floods have done big damage in Northern New York. The Mississippi Valley fears a terrible deluge.

Only one railroad—the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern—is open between New York and Chicago.

Such trains as other roads are operating are sent via the Lake Shore's tracks. Railroad losses by flood are estimated at \$50,000,000 in property destroyed and suspension of revenues.

CASH REGISTER CO. HEAD APPEALS FOR AID IN SAVING LIVES

Wire Received Here Tells of Rescue Work From Firm's Factory.

The following telegram was received this afternoon at the local offices of the National Cash Register Company from John H. Patterson, President of the company, in charge of the relief work in Dayton, O., March 27, 1913.

"Situation here desperate. All people except on outside imprisoned by water. They have had no food, no drinking water, no light, no heat for two days. We have had no house-to-house communication by telephone for two days. Dayton water works stopped two days ago.

"Fire raging for twenty-four hours in center of city and now spreading. Beckel Hotel burned. Weather suddenly cold with strong wind and snow. Water current too strong for rowboats and rafts. Need help! Can reach us to-day from nearby cities. Help should be in form of motorboats and people to run them. We need good rowboats. We need troops for protection and help. Fire engines, motor trucks and automobiles are needed also provisions, clothing and medical supplies.

"Our factory is safe, has its own power, heat, electricity and water plant. We and private houses are caring for many people, but they are only a small part of the sufferers. We cannot reach central, northeastern, northern or western parts of the city. Consequently cannot answer any of the telegrams of inquiry about safety of people that are coming in. Railroads reaching Dayton practically all out of use.

"John L. Peterson."

MARTIAL LAW PUTS STOP TO LOOTING AT INDIANAPOLIS

Wire Received Here Tells of Marooned Firemen and Police Seize Houses of Rich to Shelter Women.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 27.—Reports of looting in West Indianapolis caused Gov. H. H. Shreve to declare martial law there and to send a company of militia to that part of the city, where the loss of life yesterday was heaviest. Several arrests were made this afternoon. The presence of uniformed employees in the eastern part of the city indicates that no such difficulty will arise there.

In an isolated part of eastern Indianapolis three marooned firemen and two policemen have seized the government and are administering it, commanding and apportioning the food supply and finding quarters for women and children at the expense of men. Not even their names are known in this city, the only news of their role coming from important individuals who are worried because the five do not recognize the dignity and importance of the complainants.

One of the stories which came in was that of a banker who had been turned out of his own home to make room for four or five women with babies. The two policemen were men from the Central Office in Indianapolis, who had been carried away by a boat doing relief work and were on the list which they are governing.

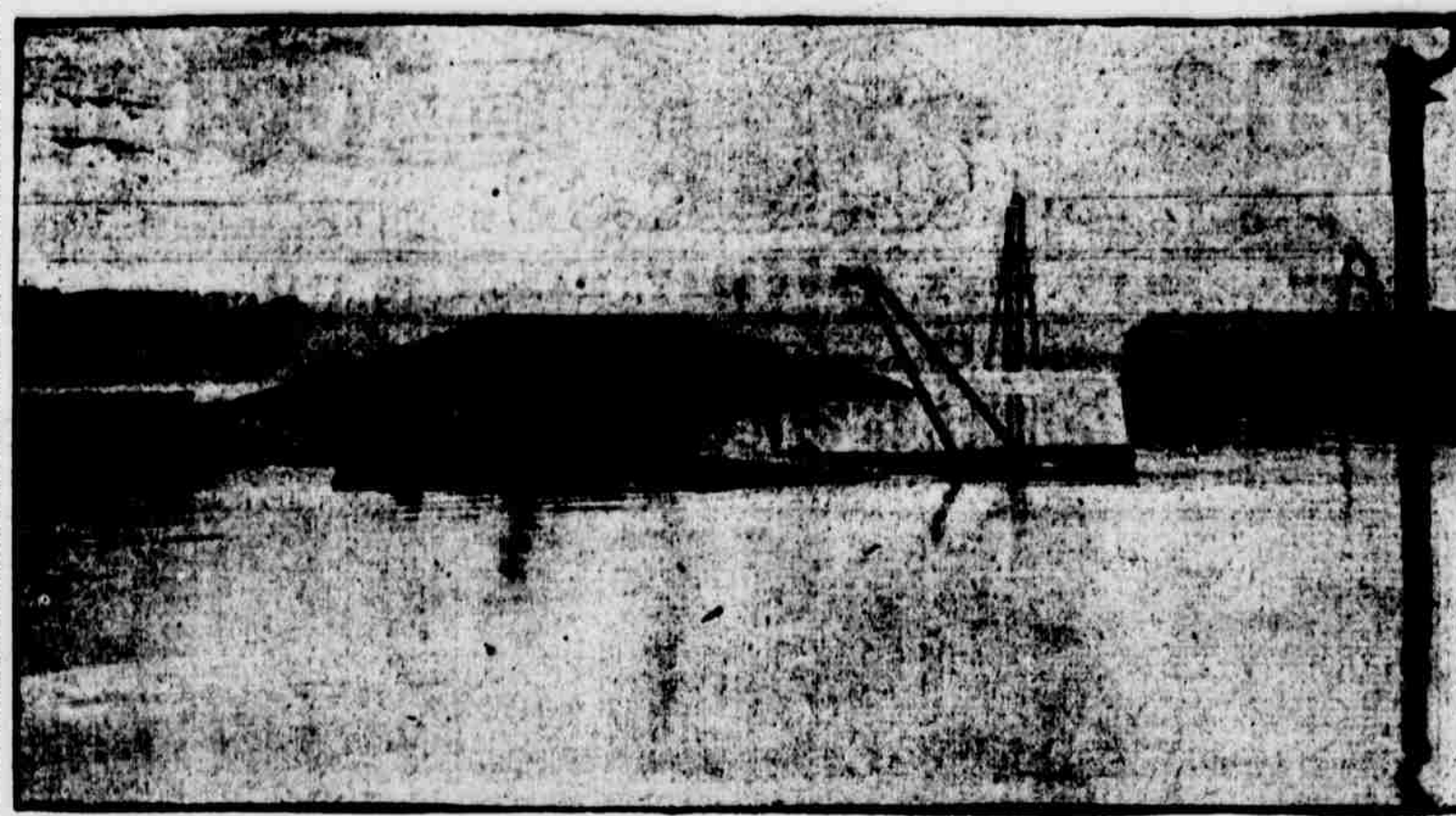
FAMINE AND CONTAGION MENACE SURVIVORS.

Famine and contagion are threatened here and in other cities. Prices of foodstuffs have been raised to almost inaccessible figures by the merchants whose stocks have not been demolished by the flood.

Gov. H. H. Shreve has started out a board with military authority to arrest dealers who are using the common calamity

First Picture of Disastrous Floods in Ohio; Submerged Buildings on Outskirts of Columbus

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for profit. He says that men mean enough to do such a thing must have also done other things which are outside of the law and he will hold them until he learns their records. Just before the supply of bread gave out to-day the price was 20 cents a loaf.

From Peru came word to-day that there are fifty bodies of dead there and a list of a hundred missing. The water has receded considerably, and there have been no serious fires. The part of the city which suffered most yesterday and the day before is still out of reach by the rescue committee.

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FLOOD DANGER SEEMS PAST IN DAYTON.

Every effort is being made to bring an adequate number of soldiers and a sufficient supply of food into Dayton. The danger from flood appears to have passed, and the fires have burned themselves out. Although the first efforts of the rescuers will be to save those imperiled but still alive, the work of securing the bodies of the dead has been prosecuted all day and the temporary morgue in the United Brethren Church is already crowded with corpses, most of which are those of women and children.

As soon as the flood subsides below Dayton the water here will recede as rapidly as it rose. Many who had been marooned in the tall buildings in the business district were able to wade out of their prisons late this afternoon and make their way to high ground. As the water went down the force of the current in the streets lessened and boats were utilized in the work of taking girls and women from the upper floors of business blocks.

Dayton is practically without a food supply except for what has been brought in from the outside. The great need is for food, medicine, doctors, nurses and drinking water. Arrangements are being made for the transportation of water into the city in tank cars, but it will be doled out sparingly for the present.

THE NORTH SIDE IS STILL INACCESSIBLE.

The crowded north side of the river where it is feared there may be thousands of foreigners dead and dying is still far beyond reach. No one speaks of it, the immediate need is of the known survivors calling for every attention. If the downtown is relieved by night, it may permit the city authorities to get together with the militia and the relief committees and make some organized attempt to give aid to the North Side to-morrow.

Except for a solitary branch of the Dayton, Lebanon and Cincinnati railroad over which a single train can creep cautiously at a time, the railroad communication has not been restored. It takes twelve hours for a

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Fully 10,000 persons will be homeless near Martins Ferry by nightfall. Already 3,000 have been driven from their homes and hundreds of others are moving.

A house with two men clinging to the roof swept by Martins Ferry early to-day. Another house followed, split in two pieces, with eight persons clinging to it.

U. S. LIFE SAVERS READY FOR CALL.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Secretary McAdoo to-day placed all the United States Life Saving Stations in the vicinity of the flooded districts at the disposal of Gov. Cox of Ohio and Gov. H. H. Shreve of Indiana, ordering the crews to respond immediately and directly to the

requests of the State Executives. The lighthouse tender Golden Rod, near Louisville, capable of navigating the swollen rivers, and with relief accommodations for 300 persons, has been ordered into the flooded district by Secretary Redfield. All lighthouse service employees of the fourteenth district have been ordered to take available small boats and do relief work.

THOUSANDS MAROONED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 27.—The Ohio River passed forty-seven feet this morning and fifty-five feet is expected before nightfall. Practically the entire city is now under water and 15,000 persons are marooned in their homes. Bridgeport and Martins Ferry, O., opposite here, are similarly affected. The greatest danger is from fire.

There have been several small fires and there is fear of a conflagration. Benwood, W. Va., is submerged, and 5,000 are homeless in Bellaire.

FLOOD SMASHES ILLINOIS LEVEE

VANDALIA, Ill., March 27.—The Okaw River levee, sixteen miles south of here, broke in four places last night, and sixty thousand acres of farming land are under one to eight feet of water. Water is pouring over the National road east of Vandalia for a mile.

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